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Applicant : S. SHIBAMURA et al

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment with allowance of the application:

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows, with a marked-up copy of the amendment to the specification being included in an Appendix attached to this reply:

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 12, line 29 to page 13, line 3, with the following paragraph:

A1  
In the fluorescent functional group represented by the above formula (II),  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  independently represent hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxyl group, or a sulfonate group. Each of  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  may substitute on the phenyl group at any position. As the alkyl group and the alkoxyl group, those mentioned above may be used. The sulfonate group ( $-\text{SO}_3^-\text{M}^+$ , wherein  $\text{M}^+$  represents an alkali metal ion that may be the same or different from  $\text{M}^+$  as a counter ion for  $\text{Q}^-$ ) may be, for example, sodium sulfonate group or potassium sulfonate group.